

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
VETERANS' RECOGNITION SUBCOMMITTEE**

Pursuant to Section 19.84, Wis. Stats., a regular meeting of the **Brown County Veterans' Recognition Subcommittee** was held on Tuesday, October 16, 2012 at 5:00 p.m., in Room 201 of the Northern Building, 305 E. Walnut Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

PRESENT: Chair Bernie Erickson, Jim Haskins, Rosemary Desisles, Delores Pierce, Duane Pierce, Joe Witkowski, Sherry Steenbock, Jerry Polus

****Running Total of Veterans' Certificates: 1390**

1. Call Meeting to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bernie Erickson at 5:30 p.m.

2. Invocation by Jim Haskins.

3. Approve/Modify Agenda.

Chair Bernie Erickson stated that Item 5 can be removed from the Agenda as there are no bills to pay.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DUANE PIERCE, SECONDED BY JIM HASKINS TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS MODIFIED. VOTE TAKEN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Approve/Modify Minutes of September 18, 2012.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SHERRY STEENBOCK, SECONDED BY DELORES PIERCE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. VOTE TAKEN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. OK to pay bills if necessary.

This item was removed from the Agenda; see Number 3 above.

6. Veterans Day Breakfast at Howard VFW and discussion re: raffle and program.

Sherry Steenbock stated that the Veterans Day Breakfast at the Howard VFW is scheduled for Friday, November 9, 2012 at 7:00 a.m. The radio show by John Maino and WIXX will begin at 10:00 a.m. Steenbock continued that she has approved the articles to be printed in all four local newspapers and one of the papers wants the articles by October 31 so she asked members to call her with the veterans' offers/deals/discounts they are able to secure. She asked members to contact the businesses that they have contacted in the past to confirm that they will still participate.

7. Promoting Veterans Day among employers and businesses.

Discussion on this was covered in Item 6 above.

8. Report from CVSO Jerry Polus.

CVSO Jerry Polus stated that Veterans Court is going well and is continuing to expand. They are approaching 10 participants and have several more pending. There will be a summit in Milwaukee covering the subject of Veterans Court that Polus hopes to attend. Witkowski stated that he had recently seen a tv segment on Veterans Court that impressed him very much.

Polus also stated that things in his office are going well however, they will have a staff member out for several months, but he did not view this as a problem.

With regard to the VA Clinic, Polus stated that there is a meeting scheduled with the entire northeast group of his counterparts with the Medical Center Director and Polus is expecting to receive more specific details with regard to things such as the time table and recruitment. He will give a report of this meeting at the next meeting.

9. Report from Committee Members Present (Bettine, Desisles, Haskins, Maino, Ness, Pierce, Steenbock, Walschinski & Witkowski).

-Rosemary Desisles reported on the Blueprint by MOA project she had reported on at last month's meeting. She stated that this project would probably not progress real far as there were a number of overlapping programs and groups; however, she will keep this group updated if this changes. She read an e mail she had received with regard to this program to the members.

-Jim Haskins reported that he had heard an ad recently that Sport Clips would donate a dollar for every hair procedure performed towards a program called "Up Links" which is a program that helps overseas soldiers call home for free. To date over 2 million phone calls have been made through this program.

-Duane Pierce stated he was disappointed that there were no articles in the paper following the POW ceremony held last month even though a reporter talked to several in attendance and took a number of pictures. Pierce continued that the new Chief of Staff for the Mayor, Bill Kloiber, attended the last legion meeting and Kloiber explained that one of the things the Mayor wants him to do is help get the word out for veterans' events. Pierce will work with Kloiber in the future in an attempt to get more events promoted. Kloiber can be reached at his e-mail address of Billkl@greenbay.gov or by phone at 448-3006.

Pierce continued that the remains of WW II Second Lieutenant James Des Jardins were returned to Green Bay recently. Pierce was honored to stand in the flag line of the funeral and be at the cemetery. He also stated that the week before a Korean Vet was returned to Appleton but he noted there are still 83,000 – 84,000 on the MIA list.

Pierce also reminded the Subcommittee of several events being held for Veterans Day including free lunch for vets on November 10 from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Pearly Gates. He also reminded those in attendance of the event at the Green Bay Yacht Club which will be held on November 10 and the Veterans' Day Ceremony at the Brown County Arena which will be held at 10:30 a.m. on November 11.

-Sherry Steenbock reported that seven new certificates had been sent out this month.

-Joe Witkowski apologized for missing the last two meetings.

10. Such other Matters as Authorized by Law.

A discussion was held regarding the date of the next meeting. It was discussed at an earlier meeting to hold the next meeting prior to Veterans Day, however, after discussion, it was decided that this would not be necessary and the next meeting will be held on the regularly scheduled night of November 20, 2012.

11. Adjourn.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY JIM HASKINS, SECONDED BY DUANE PIERCE TO
ADJOURN AT 5:34 P.M. VOTE TAKEN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Giannunzio
Recording Secretary